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For : METHOD OF JUDGING INFLAMMATORY DISEASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Missing Parts
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Missing Requirements dated August 29, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the two-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on October 29, 2005, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one (1) month and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with requisite fees therefor. Accordingly, this Response to Notice of Missing Requirements is due November 29, 2005, and is timely filed. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.